

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 8 to read as follows:

FIG. 17 illustrates a conventional miter saw. As shown in FIG. 17, the miter saw includes a base 702, a fence 703, a turntable 710, a cutting unit 720, a support unit 730, and a laser oscillator 751. The turntable 710 is rotatably mounted on the base 702 for supporting thereon a workpiece W in cooperation with the base 702. The fence 703 is secured to the base 702 and extends across the turntable 710. The fence 703 has a positioning surface to which the workpiece W is abutted for positioning the workpiece W. The cutting unit 720 has a circular saw blade 721. The support unit 730 movably supports the cutting unit 720 at a position above the turntable 710. The laser oscillator 751 is mounted on the support unit 730. The laser oscillator 751 emits a laser beam onto the workpiece W in order to indicate the position of the tip of the blade 721 and its extension position as a line on the surface of the workpiece W. The laser oscillator 751 is fixed to a given position so that a part of or entire laser beam can travel below the circular saw blade 721 and illuminate the surface of the workpiece W without being interrupted by the blade 721 when the blade 721 is at its uppermost position. The turntable 710 may be rotated to bring the laser beam into alignment with a maker-marker (indicating a cutting line) already drawn on the workpiece W. Thus, the miter saw can cut the workpiece W precisely along the marker. A miter saw of this type is disclosed in for example laid open Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-225603.

Page 3, amend the paragraph beginning on line 14 to read as follows:

This and other object of the present invention will be attained by a miter saw including a base, a fence, a cutting unit, a support unit, a light projecting device, and, a mirror. The fence is secured to the base and has an abutment surface on which a side of a workpiece abuts for positioning the workpiece on the base. The cutting unit supports a circular saw blade which provides a plurality of blade tips. The support unit movably supports the cutting unit above the base. The light projecting device forms a projected line on the workpiece, the line being indicative of a position of a tip of the circular saw blade and a position of an extension of the tip in a diametrical direction of the circular saw blade. The mirror is provided at a position in confrontation with the side of the workpiece in abutting contact with the abutment surface of the fence for reflecting the projected line which is projected on the side of the workpiece and for allowing ~~an~~a reflected line image to be observed from a side of the abutment surface of the fence.